

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The state contracts with Magellan Behavioral Health Services to manage, maintain, and coordinate state-funded behavioral health services for the identified populations of the Division of Behavioral Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, and the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services. Because of the magnitude of the services coordinated by Magellan and the issues raised recently by recipients, providers, and members of the judiciary, a greater understanding of the contract is desired by the Legislature.

This study will include, but is not limited to, a description of the requirements and conditions of the contract, an identification of the costs, and an examination of the reasons for denials and the options available to individuals, caseworkers, judges and others when services are denied by Magellan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of

its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.